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Brisbane German Club

NEWSLETTER

FEATURED STORY:
OKTOBERFEST 2019

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COMMITTEE

President: Mario Zocchi
Vice President: Ulla Harnisch
Treasurer: Lucas Rietberg
Directors: Paul Alldridge, Chris Fletcher, Amir Hayfa, Monika Kortz, Mark Nancarrow, Oleg Zocchi
Special Adviser: Paul Sowa

From the Boardroom

Dear Fellow Members,

Following our A.G.M. of the 8th of September 2019, the Brisbane German Club now has the following new committee members:

President Mario Zocchi
Vice President Ulla Harnish
Treasurer Lucas Rietberg

Committee
Paul Alldridge
Chris Fletcher
Amir Hayfa
Monika Kortz
Mark Nancarrow
Oleg Zocchi

Special Adviser
Paul Sowa

This new committee will govern the German Club with a new transparency and openness, so that all Club members will be kept current with the progress the club is making. We will advise our members of the events of our committee meetings so that all members can have an understanding and an input into the management of our club.

We will organise a special meeting to finalise our changes to our constitution and by-laws, in the very near future.

The committee has already started to carry out the members wishes regarding our kitchen and bar, this may take some time so we will keep you informed.

Our OKTOBERFEST is now over, and I would like to thank all of our volunteers who worked so hard to make the event happen.

Congratulations to the Liedertafel, the Ladies Group, the Alpenrosen Dance Group, Paul Sowa, Paula Hay, our own Dale and Katie, and kitchen staff, our bar staff, Treffpunkt, Office staff and all our committee members who worked so hard and covered and filled in all the gaps.

We also thank our musicians “The Continental Chill” and Andrew's “Echo Band” without who's talent our OKTOBERFEST would never have happened.

A big hug and thank you all.

The committee has now a very hard road in front of us, to work together so that our club will prosper in the coming year.

Please keep in mind that our next Frühschoppen is on Sunday 13/10/2019.

The club is also looking forward to our up coming Christmas functions.

Grussen
Mario Zocchi

LADIES GROUP & KAFFEE-KLATSCH

"A friendly greeting to all Members and Friends from the Ladies"

I am happy to report that we have a "Ladies Group" once again, and we greatly appreciate the support from Members and Visitors contributions to our monthly Fruehschoppen Raffles. The money raised gives us the opportunity to assist the Club with small purchases necessary, as well as providing Christmas Gifts for all Children up to year 12 of **full Members** only. Applications must be received by **November 22nd**. If you like your Grandchildren or other Kids to participate on this happy Event held on **Saturday 30th November** starting 11am at the Brisbane German Club, please wrap up a Gift to the Value of up to $30.00, clearly marking the Childs Name and pass it on to one of the Ladies or leave with the Office, your Child will be most welcome to take part in all Activities as well as meeting Santa personally!

Our usual Fruehschoppen for December is on **Sunday 8th** with a joyful Christmas Party to follow, once more the Ladies will surprise you with a large plate of Christmas goodies, and please make sure to book with the "ZUM KAISER" Restaurant. The Club's Oktoberfest was held early this year and I wish to say "**Thank You**" to my Ladies and all Clubs Volunteers for their commitment.

Congratulations to our Birthday Girls: Heidi Donner on November 6th, Christina Schulze November 19th and Renate Waldock celebrating hers on the 5th of December, from all of us wishing you much happiness and good health for the coming Year!

We hereby congratulate the newly elected Committee for 2019-2020 in anticipation that their efforts will be mostly directed to achieve harmony, transparency and progress, therefore endorsing safe potential for the Brisbane German Club.

I remain in friendship.

Gerda Schulz
President of the Ladies Group

THE NOTICE BOARD

Welcome to our new members!

Alan Keller, Robert Laird, Allan Carseldine, Rainer Pinno, Russell Moffat, Isabelle Rothe, Cameron Bate, Shane Carlon, Stephen Kress, James Sheffield, Lucas Medcraft, Heinz Hempel, Sandra Riedel, Simone Boere, Jonathan Tom, Ilinca Solomon, Douglas Foggo, Gerard Hyland, Eleanor Clarke, Luke Gardiner, Tama Curtis, Philip Abraham, and Drew Tatnell

EVENT REMINDER

Members Meeting

Brisbane German Week has commenced. To find out what's happening and where to partake visit their website: www.germanweek.com.au

The first directors meeting for the month of October will be held at the Brisbane German Club on Thursday, October 10th.

Christmas is fast approaching. To see what's happening at the Brisbane German Club check out the upcoming events and see how you, your family and friends can get involved.

Stammtisch

We meet in the Club's Keller Bar every Tuesday from 6pm. For more information, or to get involved please email: Brisbane_stammtisch@hotmail.com or visit: facebook.com/groups/ brisbanestammtisch

Live Music

Friday and Saturday night with Andrew from 7pm in the Beer Hall.

Alpenrosen Practice

Thursday : 5.30pm—9.30pm
For more information please ring Leanne Langer: 0412033035

Zum Geburtstag!

YOUR BIRTHDAY GIFT

If you scan your Membership card and complete any transaction at the bar on the day of your Birthday, you will receive 1000 points. This is equivalent to $10.00.

A small birthday present from the club to you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

30/09/19 - 13/10/19 Brisbane German Week	**10/10/19** Directors meeting	**13/10/19** Fruehschoppen	**24/10/19** October SKAL luncheon 12:00pm-2:30pm
27/10/19 $20 Pork Knuckle	**30/10/19** Aust vs Sri Lanka T20 International Cricket 6.10pm	**30/10/19** Aust vs Sri Lanka T20 International Cricket 6.10pm	**10/11/19** Fruehschoppen
14/11/19 Directors meeting	**21/11/19 -25/11/19** Aust vs Pakistan 10am	**24/11/19** Irish Choir concert	**30/11/19** Children's Xmas Party Commencing 11:00am Santa @ 1:30pm
01/12/19 Liedertafel/ Liederkranz Choir Christmas concert	**08/12/19** Members Christmas Party followed by Fruehschoppen	**12/12/19** Directors meeting	**25/12/19** Christmas Day

Noteworthy Events

Write these down in your diary. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

LIEDERTAFEL/LIEDERKRANZ REPORT

"Looking forward to the next project of the Choir which will be the upcoming Oktoberfest and then the Christmas Concert.""

Hello Everyone!

The Choir has been officially invited again to sing at the RNA Showgrounds for Oktoberfest 2019. On Friday 11 October 2019, we are all invited to enjoy ourselves and will be singing a few songs that day.

Our performances will be held on Saturday and Sunday 11-13 October 2019 and Saturday and Sunday 19-20 October 2019. We are busily practicing our Oktoberfest songs currently.

We also have some new singers who joined the group. Hello to Alison Coombs, Ulrike Rehm and Astrid Gesche who joined the choir this year. Welcome back also to Heidi Schulz who originally joined the choir in 1998. Hello to Aija, Salina and Annika who we hope will stay on. We also had a visit by Marja and Jürgen who mentioned they would be interested in joining the choir.

It's never too late to have some fun and entertain others with your singing!

Our next Christmas Concert will be held on Sunday 1 December 2019 at 2pm at the German Club again. More information in the next Newsletter.

Looking forward seeing some more new faces so don't be shy to come and join in from time to time when you can.

Choir Practice of the Liedertafel/Liederkranz Choir

Tuesday 6.30pm-9.00pm

For information please ring:

Rainer: 3821 5223
Monika: 3397 0971

Email: mariakortz@bigpond.com

Photos: Choir Members at last year's 2018 Oktoberfest at the RNA Showgrounds. We are all looking forward having the same fun again this year at the Oktoberfest at the RNA Showgrounds.

Zum Geburtstag!

ASTRID GESCHE (4.10.); NORBERT BERGEL & VICKI DUNN (13.11.); PAUL SOWA OAM (22.11.); RAINER KLOSE (28.11.)

Skatbericht...

Hello Skatfreunde,

bei unserem August Skat waren 10 Spieler anwesend.
Den ersten Preis erspielte sich M. Heise mit 2543 Punkten.

Weitere Platzierungen wie folgt;

2...W. Bummer	**2277 PK.**
3...S. Svarbic	**2252 PK.**
4...A. March	**2015 PK.**

Bei unserem September Skat waren 9 Spieler anwesend.
Den ersten Preis erspielte sich G. Ertel mit 2677 Punkten.

Weitere Platzierungen wie folgt;

2...W. Simke	**2284 PK.**
3...A. March	**1896 PK.**
4...S. Svarbic	**1780 PK.**

Wir spielen Preis Skat jeden Zweiten Sonntag im Monat,
Startzeit 11-00 Uhr.

Jeden Zweiten Mittwoch spielen wir unseren Freundschafts Skat Startzeit 13-00 Uhr.

Weitere Auskunft Werner Simke.....3300 2565.....0410 118371
Gut Blatt.....Werner Simke

Bar Managers Report

Willkommen Zum Oktoberfest –

Our Oktoberfest celebrations are now complete for 2019. It was a wonderful sunny weekend with a great atmosphere and fun was had by all. A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped out before and during the event, your support is priceless.

Special thanks also to the Alpenrosen, Andrew, the Echo Band and the Continental Chill Band for their amazing performances over the weekend that kept our members and guests entertained.

A Brisbane German club favourite Paul Sowa did an exceptional job as usual over the weekend as the Event MC - many thanks to you sir!

Paula Hay, a big thanks to you also for your assistance with MCing, with the Beer drinking & Miss, Mrs & Mr. Oktoberfest Competitions.

Thank you to the Brisbane German club staff Leanne and Danielle in the office and to all the supervisors & bar staff that worked the course of the event. You all are the ones that make this possible.

Smoked Beer Update: Schlenkerla will possibly be in at the end of this month. All good things come to those who wait!

"Our Oktoberfest celebrations are now complete for 2019... Watch this space, things are not always as they seem, stay tuned, stay updated, all events and deals will be posted on our Facebook page".

Prost!
Stuart from the Bar

TREFFPUNKT REPORT

"To Treffpunkt members"

Our bus trip held on the 8th of August 2019 was in fact a mystery ferry trip, that departed from Mowbray Park, East Brisbane and stopped-started all the way to the Regatta Hotel. Seven members attended however we lost Mario who boarded the wrong ferry and went East instead of West, but we were all reunited by 10.45am and we made sure that Mario stayed attached to our party and we all arrived to our destination on time.

The food and beer were excellent at the Regatta Hotel [We recommend this venue to all of our club members]. As the weather, food and drink were so great, it was with regret that we left the Regatta to return to the German Club an hour late.

Our next function will be our Christmas party; date to be advised.

Schöne Grüße,

Allan Watts
Secretary

AFS Intercultural Program Australia

“Host an exchange student from Germany in 2020”

"AFS Intercultural Programs Australia, which is an international, volunteer-based, non-profit organisation that provides intercultural learning opportunities to help people develop the knowledge, skills and understanding needed to create a more just and peaceful world is looking for a volunteer host family to host a German student who is coming on a 10 month program in Feb 2020. We are also have seeking families for our Semester Program arrivals from Austria, Switzerland, Belgium & Denmark.

If you'd like to have more info about what it takes to be a host family, please take a look to AFS Host Family FAQ or contact them on 1300 131 736 or aus.hosting@afs.org. "

ALPENROSEN NEWS

Our Oktoberfest performance season kicked off with enthusiastic routines at the Brisbane German Club Oktoberfest 2019. The audiences appreciated our polished bell and dance routines.

We are just warming up for a busy time:

UPCOMING PERFORMANCES INCLUDE

Saturday	September 28	Gold Coast German Club Oktoberfest
Saturday	October 5	Gold Coast German Club Oktoberfest
Sunday	October 6	Jacobs Well Oktoberfest
Friday	October 11	Gold Coast German Club Oktoberfest
Saturday	October 12	RNA Brisbane Oktoberfest
		Plainlands Hotel Oktoberfest
Sunday	October 13	RNA Brisbane Oktoberfest
Saturday	October 19	RNA Brisbane Oktoberfest
		Gold Coast German Club Oktoberfest
Sunday	October 20	RNA Brisbane Oktoberfest
Saturday	October 26	Kawana Waters
Sunday	October 27	Beenleigh Historical Village Oktoberfest

Not that it is all Oktoberfesting ... we've also been celebrating a 'Sweet 16' birthday for Ashton and a birthday for Ruth, Fathers' Day celebrations for all our dads, a visit from our Canadian dance group member Heidi in time for Oktoberfest at the Club and the arrival of David 'Kartoffelsaurus Schnitzel von Krumm' Schwarzenböck. We have all been cooing!!
Ozapft' ist! for our season ....

Prost!

Paula for the Alpenrosen Team

PHOTO GALLERY

Oktoberfest celebrations in full swing at the Brisbane German Club, 2019.

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